

# Stanford in the Vale Twinning Association



Twinned with

**Saint-Germain-du-Corbéis**  
**France**

## Aims of the Association

Founded in 1989, the Association aims to promote friendship and understanding of the French way of life. When visiting, we live as the French do and compare to our own ways. It is fun for all the family.

For many of our members this has led to some firm friendships. We have taken part in shared holidays, family events such as weddings, exchanges for junior school children and teenagers, and even some of our older children have been employed as 'au pair' with French families.

Similarly, we have welcomed French young people into our homes and have helped them find employment locally.

Closer to home it is a very good way to meet new friends within the village and community. Membership is also open to residents of the surrounding villages including Shellingford, Hatford and Goosey.

### **Saint-Germain-du-Corbéis**

Saint-Germain-du-Corbéis is twice the size of Stanford in the Vale with approximately 4,500 inhabitants. Situated on the outskirts of Alençon, it has about 30 small businesses and a lively community with excellent sporting facilities. There is much of interest to see nearby.



Visit to Saint-Germain-du-Corbéis, May 2012

## What we do

Group visits for members to Saint-Germain-du-Corbéis are arranged every other year, alternating with a reciprocal visit by French families to Stanford in the Vale.

All the year 6 children from Stanford in the Vale's Primary School have the opportunity to visit Saint-Germain-du-Corbéis, but you are expected to receive a child to stay with your family in return.

These school groups stay with French families in Saint-Germain-du-Corbéis which helps to keep the costs to a minimum.

In return we welcome similar French groups to the village to stay with us and organise social events during their stay to enable all members to meet our visitors.

It is certainly not necessary to speak any French, though you will quickly start to pick some up!

## Other activities

We also organise other social events throughout the year for members across the village to join in with and meet and socialise with other twinning members and their families.

We arrange events such as:

- **Barbecues**
- **Safari Suppers**
- **Quiz Nights**
- **Cheese and Wine Parties**
- **Christmas Parties**
- **Bowling Evenings**
- **Curry Evenings**
- **Wine Tasting**

We also take part in the Stanford in the Vale Festival and other local events.

There are organised tours for members and friends and we hope that our events will appeal to all ages amongst our members.

A newsletter which gives details of all our activities are regularly delivered to all members.

***Come and join us!***

# Membership information

Family membership is available at £10.00 per annum, including all children under 18. The cost of an individual membership is £5.00.

If you would like to join the Association, please detach the application below and send it with cash or cheque (made payable to Stanford in the Vale Twinning Association) to:

Chris Lewis, 2 Church Green, Stanford in the Vale.

**Names:**

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**Children:**

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**Address:**

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**Email:** .....

**Telephone:** .....

Would you be willing to accommodate any French visitors? **Y / N**

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